the Hindustan Times, New Delhi, dated the 9th June, 1992 under the caption "T.B. Association on Warpath";

(b) whether the T.B. Association of India is collecting funds by way of donation and through sale of T. B. Seals, which are exempt under 80G and 10 (22-A) of the Income-tax Act, 1961; if so, whether Government propose to look into the allegations of Financial Irregularities and take action against those who may be found guilty as this involves public money utilised for personal gains; and

(c) whether Rules and Regulations, are followed by the Association ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The T. B. Association of Indian generates funds through donations and sale of TB seals. The Chairman of the TB Association of India has aoppointed an enquiry committee to look into the alleged irregularities.

Running of Chemist Shops

3657. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made it obligatory for an individual to have a degree/diploma in pharmacy for running a Chemist shop in the country, if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of the chemist shops cancelled due to violation/non-fulfilment of such condition;

(b) whether Government have any scheme to extend grants to institutes providing pharmaceutical degrees/diplomas, if so, the locations of such institutes in Uttar Pradesh and Union Territory of Delhi; and

(c) the annual grant extended to such institutes, institutewise during last three years alongwith the number of persons trained therein ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir. It is necessary to employ a 'qualified person' as defined under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, for a Chemist's shop.

(b) There is no such scheme under this Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

Growth rate of Population

3658. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present natural growth rate of population of 1.95 per cent is very high and that stabilisation of population is a national priority; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Population control has been identified as one of the six key objectives in the VIII Plan. An Action Plan is being operationalised by the State Governments/UTs for promoting family planning. Special Schemes for implementation are being taken up in demographically poor performing areas.

"एड्स" पर नियंत्रण हेतु दो समितियों की स्थापना

3659. **श्री सोमपाल :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनका ध्यान दिनांक 15 सितम्बर, 1992 के राष्ट्रीय सहारा, (दिल्ली संस्करण) में "एड्स के नाम पर अरबों रुपए डकारने की होड़" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(ग) "एड्स" को नियंत्रित करने हेतु एक ही मंत्रालय में दो समितियां

गठित किए जाने का क्या कारण है ; और

(ङ) इन समितियों में नियुक्त "एड्स" विशेषज्ञों के नाम क्या-क्या है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) सरकार को 6 सितम्बर, 1992 को राष्ट्रीय सहारा, दिल्ली में प्रकाशित इस समाचार की जानकारी है ।

(ख) यह समाचार अंशतः गलत है और गुमराह करने वाला है ।

(ग) राष्ट्रीय एड्स नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम की परियोजना में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ राष्ट्रीय एड्स समिति और राष्ट्रीय एड्स नियंत्रण बोर्ड स्थापित करने की बात निर्धारित की गई है । देश में एड्स नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम के मार्गदर्शन और निर्देशन तथा समन्वय प्रदान करने के लिए स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में एक राष्ट्रीय एड्स समिति कार्य करती है जो एक बहुक्षेत्रीय निकाय है । राष्ट्रीय एड्स नियंत्रण बोर्ड अधिकारियों का एक निकाय है जो सचिव (स्वास्थ्य) की अध्यक्षता में विभिन्न प्रशासनिक और प्रचालन सम्बंधी मामलों के बारे में निर्णय लेने के लिए है ।

(घ) राष्ट्रीय एड्स समिति में संसद सदस्यों, पत्रकारों, फिल्मी व्यक्तियों और सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं इत्यादि के अतिरिक्त महानिदेशक, भारतीय चिकित्सा अनुसंधान परिषद, स्वास्थ्य सेवा महानिदेशक और चिकित्सा, शल्य चिकित्सा, रक्त बैंक, विकृति विज्ञान, सूक्ष्म जीव विज्ञान के क्षेत्र के विख्यात चिकित्सा विशेषज्ञ शामिल हैं । राष्ट्रीय एड्स नियंत्रण बोर्ड में केवल सात सदस्य हैं जिसमें स्वास्थ्य सेवा महानिदेशक और भारतीय चिकित्सा अनुसंधान परिषद के महानिदेशक इसके सदस्यों के रूप में है ।

Deaths due to 'Falsiperum Malaria in Madhya Pradesh

3660. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a new type of malaria "Felsiperum Malaria" has spread in the epidemic form in the Tribals dominated areas of Bastar, Raipur, Bilaspur, Mandla, Sarguja, Dhar, Jhabua, Kanker, Badwani etc. in the State of Madhya Pradesh and many people are dieing in these areas due to this malaria;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many people have died in the tribal belt of Madhya Pradesh due to new type of Malaria during the twelve months alongwith the district-wise details; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to save the helpless tribals of Madhya Pradesh from the epidemic of Felsiperum Malaria ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The incidence of P. Felsiperum malaria in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh has shown an increasing trend.

(b) and (c) 38,671 P. Felsiperum cases and 39 deaths have been reported in 1992 (provisional) from tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh.

(d) It is proposed to intensify and strengthen the programme in the tribal areas through better case detection and treatment, health education and antivector, environmental and anti-parasitic measures.

Unused Equipment in Hindu Rao Hospital

3661. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that equipment purchased at enormous cost is gathering